

TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 3rd August, 1922.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, at Eleven Thirty-five of the Clock, with the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

PRESERVATION OF OLD LAND RECORDS.

42. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Do the Government intend to preserve from destruction the *ayacut* and the *ozhugu* records?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The member's attention is directed to page 34 of Vol. I of the Regulations and Proclamations of Travancore, from which it will be seen that the *ayacut* accounts and *ozhugus* of wet and garden lands are among the items of records to be permanently preserved.

CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WORKS IN PERINCHILAMPU IN THE KOTANALLUR PAKUTHI OF THE KALKULAM TALUK.

43. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: (a) Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the report submitted to Government by Mr. M. Raja Raja Varma, the late Dewan Peishkar of Padmanabhapuram, after his inspection of the place called Perinchilampu in the Kotanallur *pakuthi* of the Kalkulam taluk, stands?

(b) Do the Government intend to repair the road leading to Perinchilampu which contains 800 acres of wet and nearly 3,000 acres of dry cultivation, as also the bridge over the Tacharakkottu river, as recommended by the Peishkar?

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(c) Do the Government intend to undertake the execution of the minor irrigation works of this locality lying outside the area commanded by the Kodayar channels?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (a) (b) & (c) Mr. Raja Raja Varma suggested the following works, viz., (1) forming flood-banks in the Tacharakkottu river; (2) restoration of some silted up tanks in the Perinchilampū valley; (3) extension of the *kal* taking off from the P. P. Channel; and (4) improvement of the road from Kumarapuram to Perinchilampū with a bridge thereon. In regard to the first item, Government have sanctioned an estimate for Rs. 1,070 and it is being worked out. The second item is one that cannot be taken up piecemeal, but only as part of the general scheme of restoration of tanks in the uncommanded areas. In regard to the third item, the area to be benefited is only 300 acres and not 800 acres as stated by the member, and the ryots interested are carrying out the necessary works under the direction of the P. W. D. Item (4) is estimated to cost Rs. 10,000. The Chief Engineer does not recommend the work and Government have accepted his opinion.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLLS.

44. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL: (a) Are the Government aware of the recent complaints regarding the preparation of the Legislative Council Electoral Rolls?

(b) If so, will the Government be pleased to issue strict and definite instructions to all the subordinate officers concerned therein to prepare these rolls with all possible accuracy in future?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (a) Government have received some complaints.

(b) Yes.

SHIFTING OF THE DIVISION FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATE'S COURT FROM PADMANABHAPURAM TO NAGERCOIL.

45. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL: (a) Are the Government aware of the suggestions made in the Press on the desirability of shifting the Division First Class Magistrate's Court from Padmanabhapuram to Nagercoil?

(b) If so, will the Government be pleased to state their views on the subject, taking into consideration the fact that Government have ordered the abolition of the Kottar First Class Magistrate's Court from 1098 M. E.?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (a) and (b) Government do not propose to shift the Division First Class Magistrate's Court from Padmanabhapuram to Nagercoil.